

REMARKS

Claims 2-17 and 21 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 2, 5, 7 and 16-17 are currently amended, Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice, and Claims 3, 6, 8-15 and 21 remain unchanged.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 6, 13-15 and 21 and indication that Claims 7-12 and 16 include allowable subject matter.

Applicants note that Claims 14 and 15 also depend from allowed Claim 13.

Allowable original Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 7 is allowable. Dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 8-12 and 17 depend from independent Claim 7 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Allowable original Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 16 is allowable.

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 2-3, 5, 7-12 and 16-17, in addition to previously allowed Claims 6 and 13-15 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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